

REMARKS:

During an August 4, 2003 telephone conference between the undersigned attorney for applicants and Examiner Iqbal, Examiner Iqbal advised that claim 29 was directed to an invention different from the remaining claims and that restriction was therefore in order between claim 29 and the remaining claims. To obviate the restriction requirement, attorney for applicants advised Examiner Iqbal that applicants would submit a preliminary amendment making claim 29 a dependent claim. To this end, claim 29 is amended herewith so it depends on claim 1. Claims 33 and 34 have been added and are similar to claim 29 except claims 33 and 34 respectively depend on claims 11 and 18. In addition, claims 35-37 have been added. Claims 35-37 are similar to claims 1, 11 and 18 except the providing steps of claims 1, 11 and 18 are not recited as specific steps but are included in the introduction or preamble portions of claims 35-37.

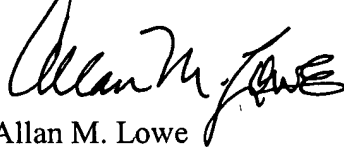
Entry of the amendment and consideration of all claims extant in the application are in order, particularly based on the agreement reached by the undersigned attorney for applicants and Examiner Iqbal.

Applicants submits with this facsimile version of this Preliminary Amendment a credit card fee authorization form to cover the cost of the additional claims.

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